

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
MARYDELL POND COMMITTEE MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018
FINAL MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Jim Williams; Vice Chair Russ Miller; Members Jay Gagliardi, Scott Greene, Michelle Guinan, Dianne Haley, Mary Ellen Miller, Kate Minshall, Jeff O'Donnell and Scott Rainsford; Erich Meyer (Chairman, Conservancy Board); Andy Tyler (Conservancy Board); Nate Cline (Township Engineer) and Assistant Township Manager Jon Altshul.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Jon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Jon called for a moment of silence to honor our troops and the victims of last night's tragedy at Bellingham.

Update on Pond Committee Purpose & Membership

The members of the Pond Committee highlighted the following issues that they would like to see incorporated into a final landscaping plan for Marydell Pond:

- Concern about leaves getting into the pond
- Having an aerator and potentially turning it off in the winter to allow the pond to freeze (*note: currently the Township turns off the aerator in the Bow Tree Pond during the winter*)
- Place for fishing and skating (Jon observed that technically skating is not allowed on Township ponds)
- Taking down existing shrubs and trees
- Concern about neighborhood kids not playing on or around pond and heavy equipment during construction (Jon indicated that the Township could put up more signage about this during the construction period)
- Location of mowed pathways
- Benches
- A dock area where residents could fish from and/or using natural boulders alongside the pond as a natural fishing point.
- Bat houses and other natural forms of pest control
- Developing a clear maintenance plan for the Township
- Having a continuing role for the Pond Committee after the project is complete by, for example, ensuring that the maintenance plan is being followed and/or should be altered.
- Using meadows and native species to ensure the long-term viability of the pond.
- Deterring kids from going into spring house
- Maintaining sledding hill

- Having a pond that works for all four seasons
- Discouraging parking on grass along Barker Drive by, for example, planting bushes or placing boulders along grass at edge of roadway.

Update on Work

Jon and Nate provided an update on the work at the pond. Jon noted that the recent heavy rains had caused mud blow outs through the 48" line that had washed away the stone that had been laid, which had delayed the project somewhat. Nate added that the Township has now applied for its NPDES and Dam Safety Permits. Depending on how long those permits take will dictate when the dredging can occur.

Brainstorm draft landscaping plan

The Committee reviewed Pennoni's powerpoint slides. Jim raised concerns about one bullet point in particular—"Shade the southern exposure of pond to reduce thermal warming". He stated that ensuring a clear line of site to the pond is one of the Committee's top priorities and that the landscaping plan should consider how any planted trees will impact views of the water. Mary Ellen asked if Pennoni could provide renderings of a landscaping plan from a street view, so that committee members could get a better understanding of what the pond views might look like. Andy raised concerns about project costs. Jon provided an overview of the project budget and asked Nate that any landscaping plans include cost estimates.

Nate indicated that his landscape architect would be visiting the pond soon and would revise the proposed landscaping plan accordingly.

Next meeting

The committee agreed to meet next on Monday, October 29th at 7pm, pending Nate's confirmation that his landscape architect would be able to attend.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Altshul
Recording Secretary